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30 March 1953

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Rockefeller Letter, 21 March 1953

REFERENCE: C-Ops' memo from CPP to DD/P, dated 30 March 1953, on the above subject regarding new Foreign Information Agency and new Security Strategy Board

1. At 1030 hours on 30 March 1953, CPP and C-Ops had a conference at the State Department with Mr. Howland Sargeant and Mr. Walter Radius on the above subject. The two State representatives declared that they had taken strong exceptions to the Rockefeller proposals primarily because "they left the Secretary of State out in left field." Furthermore, they were opposed to the Security Strategy Board being created as a committee of NSC with certain command functions in addition to whatever other responsibilities they might inherit from the PSB. Mr. Sargeant planned to consult with the William Jackson Committee forthwith and was interested in preventing any premature action on the part of the Rockefeller group.

2. CPP and C-Ops thereafter reported to DD/P's office regarding this matter. DD/P was cognizant of the issue in question and appeared to be agreeable to have CPP contact William Jackson to apprise him of the situation, and a possible trip to New York for this purpose was mentioned.

3. CPP and C-Ops subsequently briefed the DCI who studied the Rockefeller memo referred to in the above, plus attachment (with language concerning the proposed Security Strategy Board.) CPP reported the conversation with State as outlined in the above and also pointed out some of the issues specified in the "FP Staff Comments" prepared by the Ops.Div/PP and attached to the proposed memo from CPP to DD/P (above reference).

The DCI at once telephoned Nelson Rockefeller and discussed the matter with him in the presence of CPP and C-Ops. The DCI's attitude was that instead of soliciting individual, independent comments from the various interested Agencies, Nelson Rockefeller should be given a coordinated opinion after the next PSB weekly meeting on Thursday, 2 April 1953. According to DCI, Rockefeller was agreeable to this and would cancel his idea of placing the matter before the President this coming Thursday as originally planned.

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